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"We feel we could do a much better job in a larger, centralized high school," Cassell says. "We could give the students a modern educational program. Bonding potential is limited — we are asking for the maximum — and won't provide enough money to build

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'Orderly Protest' Urged in America

BLUEFIELD — U. S. Judge Robert E. Maxwell, addressing himself to the citizen protest, made a case here Wednesday for "orderly protest" as a basic and necessary right in the American system of government.

Speaking to a Law Day audience of lawyers he said "There is nothing in the police

for its expression. "It is," he said, "a tradition in America to insure that points of view at odds with prevailing doctrine will not be rejected or suppressed."

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Staff Writer

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I'd tell you what I'd do. I would fall down on my knees and pray that whatever that hideous miasma was that spread itself over the Kanawha Valley this past Tuesday morning shows up again on Tuesday, May 14. Sen. Kaufman is widely known as a man who stands foursquare against air pollution and the air Tuesday was about as polluted as it can get. So

is around again, voters will cough and gasp their way to the polls to vote for a man who's promised to get rid of it. Tuesday's odorous air came by courtesy of du Pont. "It smells like dead fish," one of my co-workers gagged as he staggered into the office. "Dead fish, hell," screeched another, right behind him, clawing at his throat. "They got a dead whale out there. And it's been dead for a couple of days."

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Bill Miller from Charleston was the principal speaker.

The boys receiving trophies were, Bill Givens, Bradley Perry, Butch Tyree, Albert Rodebaugh, Jeff Williams, Mike Ritchie, Albert Ward, Randy Coff-

findaffer, Steve Miller, Mike Miller, Bill Rader, Garry Barnhart, Bill Bailey, Dave Mullens, D. Mathews, Thomas Mathews, Steve Mathews, and William Mathews.

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Their coaches were strong, they are Jim Tyree and Jim Tyree.

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The adequate provision which has been made for health and physical education activities emphasizes the importance which is attached to good mental and physical health. Completely equipped modern science laboratories provided in part by the National Radio Astronomy Observatory give testimony to the importance attached to under-

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The citizens of Pocahontas County are to be commended for providing these facilities for the youth of this county.

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